

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:296

ANSWERED ON:17.03.2015

CONSERVATION OF GREAT INDIAN BUSTARD

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**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the population of the great Indian Bustard is on the decline in the country;
- (b) if so, the extent of decline registered and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the measures taken by the Government for conservation of Great Indian Bustard including the funds allocated for the purpose during the last three years and the current year;
- (d) whether the Government has any proposal to establish a National Conservation Breeding Centre for the Great Indian Bustard and if so, the details and the present status thereof; and
- (e) whether the Government has received any proposal from various States, including Rajasthan in this regard, if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government thereon?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE. ( SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)

(a) to (e) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 296 REGARDING "CONSERVATION OF GREAT INDIAN BUSTARD" BY SHRI SUMEDHANAND SARSWATI FOR REPLY ON 17.3.2015

(a) and (b) As per the information available with the Ministry, the Great Indian Bustard (GIB), which had a population of around 1260 in 1969 is now restricted to small pockets in Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan with an estimated population of about 300 birds. The population of this species is declining due to alteration of important bustard habitats due to industrialization, mining, modern agricultural practices etc.

(c) Great Indian Bustard has been identified as one of the species under the component 'Recovery programmes for saving critically endangered species and habitats' of the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of 'Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitats'. Financial assistance is provided to the State Governments for protection of Great Indian Bustard habitats under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of 'Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitats'. A list of such Protected Areas along with details of the funds released during last three years and the current year under this scheme is given in the Annexure.

(d) In a meeting held in the Ministry on 2.12.2014, it was recommended to establish Conservation Breeding Center facilities with the main centre in Mandvi, Kachchh and satellite centre in Jaisalmer, Rajasthan.

(e) Yes, Sir. The Ministry has received proposal from the State Government of Gujarat and Maharashtra for financial assistance for the recovery programmes of Great Indian Bustard for Rs.187.13 crores and Rs.49.716 crores respectively. No proposal has been received for recovery programme of Great Indian Bustard from the State Government of Rajasthan.

The proposal has been examined in the Ministry. However, requisite amount of funds are not available under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme 'Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitats'.